

**RI Alzheimer's State Plan Commission  
Professional Workforce Task Force  
Tuesday, September 9th  
2:00-3:00 pm  
Elmhurst Extended Care**

Anne Cabral Jim Nyberg Doreen Putnam David Creamer Donna McGowan Rick Gamache	Valerie Topp Marea Tumber Kathleen Kelly Elsa Mazey Lisa Silva
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1. Welcome

The minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

2. Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center Update  
a. Physician education

Faith Sands had a family emergency and was unable to attend the meeting today. Hopefully, she can attend the October meeting to give us an update.

3. Review of Charter  
a. How to move forward in the next 3 meetings

As we revise the Charter, we want to be sure everyone who wants to be at table is here. The list is not all-inclusive, but we want to be sure it's comprehensive.

The Charter addresses training for providers of patients with Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairments, screening and diagnosis by doctors, the psychosocial aspects of care, environmental standards for facilities and promoting best practices.

The group discussed who might be missing on the stakeholder list.

- Adult day, hospice? Leading Age represents adult day, and Jim Nyberg will reach out to providers. Lisa works for Home and Hospice of RI, and she offered to reach out to a provider as well. It would be useful to know about the integration of how hospice works with other facilities.
- Providers? Kathleen Kelly thinks we need actual providers; she has board members who run buildings, but it's not the same as physically caring for a person. It's very powerful when the Lt. Governor reaches out and invites someone to participate, and it would be great to have a geriatrician in the group.

- Activities. Anne Cabral helped get the Massachusetts regulations passed, and she worked hard to include activities providers, not just organization heads. She will help facilitate this for the group.
- Concussion dementia? Doreen suggested that we include someone from the sports world who deals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Donna suggested the doctor in Boston who developed the study of CTE (*Chronic traumatic encephalopathy*); she will get her name. Also, Dr. Mukand from SNERC would be great to have in the group; Rick offered to speak with him.
- TBIs: There are no laws and no coaching rules. MA has concussion certified program, and parents have to sign off. The group decided to add the following to the charter:
  - Bullet 9 : “Heighten awareness of sports injuries and their impact on CI. Prevention focus.

The group decided to use and/or language through out the section to be inclusive, i.e. RIALA and/or designee.

Rick announced that Maggie Calkins will be presenting on November 13th at 8:30 at the Radisson. She is a designer who specializes in creating environments for people living with cognitive impairments. Maggie works with organizations that are setting up facilities for patients with Alzheimer’s. Donna asked is she covers home design as well. Rick said he has asked her to cover this, too.

The goals are 1) to get the Charter finalized and signed by the Lt. Governor; 2) the workgroup formally formed; 3) invitations to join out the workgroup out within the month; and 4) confirmations back so that they can attend our November meeting. Rick would like to get as much done as possible by Dec. 15, and to have deliverables so that the work can continue with the next administration.

The task force chairs are meeting with Lt. Governor Roberts on September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the transition, and Donna would like to have a task force chairs meeting with the new Lt. Governor as soon as possible after the election.

Would this state plan commission want to be sponsor, i.e. Paula Parker from DEA, Ray Rusin or Drew Powers from DOH and Donna from AA.

The group would like to know what is currently in the statutes and regulations for the next meeting; Marea will be working on this. Donna has model regulations and laws, and Ann has MA regulations that were recently changed. Marea will circulate to the group.

**Next meeting date: October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm at Elmhurst Extended Care**